utilisation of central funds by the Government of Bihar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (c) Centrally Sponsored Schemes are formulated by the various Central Ministries/Departments and are implemented by the State Governments or their agencies. Funds for such schemes are provided to the States by the concerned Central Ministries/Departments who also monitor these schemes. Consolidation of data regarding amount already spent on the implementation of these schemes, in respect of States, including Bihar, for any particular year has not taken place.

Programme *to* Improve Socio-F.conomic Status of Women below Poverty Line

1848. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a programme has been introduced to focus attention on women members of families below poverty line to improve their socio-economic status;

(b) if so, to what extent the scheme was introduced in Madhya Pradesh;

(c) what is the performance achieved in Madhya Pradesh so far;

(d) what were the allocations made from 1991-92 onwards in Union Territories; and

(e) what is the extent to which the women in the Madhya Pradesh have improved their status under the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (c) The Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) was introduced in 1980 in the country for enabling identified rural poor families to cross the defined poverty line. To ensure better participation of women in development it has been stipulated that at least 40 per cent of those assisted under this Programme should be women. Besides, in 1982-83 a scheme exclusively to women called Development for Women and Children in Rural Areas (DWCRA) was introduced as a sub-component of IRDP. Under this scheme, women belonging to families below poverty line are encouraged to form groups to undertake income generating activities. In Madhya Pradesh all the Rural Development Blocks are covered under IRDP. DWCRA was in operation in 27 districts upto 31-3-1993. During the current year i.e. 1993-94, four more districts have been brought under the scheme. The total number of beneficiaries of IRDP in Madhya Pradesh since its inception is 40,14,909. Monitoring of women beneficiaries under the IRDP was started from the beginning of the Seventh Plan only. During the period 1985-86 to 1992-93 there was a total of 24,04,833 beneficiaries, of which 16.69 per cent (4,01,465) were women. The number of women members who have been assisted by Madhya Pradesh since the beginning under DWCRA is 88,832.

(d) The allocations made to Union Territories under IRDP and DWCRA for years 1991-92 onwards are as under:—

Year	Amount allocated (Rupees in lakhs) IRDP	DWCRA
1991-92	171.26	10.62
1992-93	108.00	12.12
1993-94	179.00	13.68

(e) The latest Concurrent Evaluation on IRDP covering the period January-December 1989 indicates that 73.19 per cent of the old beneficiary families had crossed the Sixth Plan poverty line of Rs. 3,500 and 10.57 per cent had crossed the revised poverty line of Rs. 6400 in the State of Madhya Pradesh.